

Stakeholder Report 2025



From the Principal

Psalm 100:5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

The theme chosen for the 2024-2025 school year is Forever Faithful, based on the words from Psalm 100:5. You will see this theme posted around school, on t-shirts, and in emails and newsletters. You will even see the theme at other schools we visit for sporting events, concerts, and other activities.

What a blessing for us to be reminded daily of this awesome truth. Psalm 100 was written to be used as a song of worship and praise. In the preceding verses to verse 5, we see the Psalm writer calling for God's people to "Shout for joy to the Lord", and "worship the Lord with gladness". He also reminds us that God is our Creator who continues to lead us, protect us, and provide for us.

We are His people, and nothing can ever change that. That truth is spelled out for us again and again throughout the pages of Scripture. In the Old Testament, we see time and time again God doing everything necessary to make sure His people were taken care of. More importantly, we see how God did everything to make sure His Son could be born at the right time, to pay for the sins of the entire world.

Knowing that He is our God, knowing that He will always be our God, and knowing that He will always take care of us spiritually and physically leads us to Psalm 100:5. We can then KNOW in our hearts that the Lord is good. We can KNOW His love endures forever, because we have seen through scripture and in our own lives that His faithfulness has continued and will continue through all generations.

As we begin a new school year, may we join with the Psalmist and our fellow believers in making this a school year of worship and praise to our God in everything we do. Let us remember daily His goodness, love, and faithfulness. And may we be filled with joy because we are blessed to have such a gracious and loving God.



2024-2025 Faculty

Chery Streckert

Part-time Preschool Teacher
Preschool Director

Joanie Arndt

Part-time Preschool Teacher

Hannah Koss

Preschool Teacher

Rachel Hansen

Kindergarten Teacher
PTO Faculty Liaison

Mollie Benjamin

1st-Grade Teacher

Marissa Oachs

2nd-Grade Teacher

Christianne Bentley

2nd-Grade Teacher

Becky Raabe

3rd-Grader Teacher

Justin Hansen

4th-Grade Teacher

Madeline Abel

5th-Grade Teacher

Tracy Birkholz

Part-time 6th Grade Teacher

Bill Arndt

6th-Grade Teacher
Interim Principal

Katherine Guldborg

7th-8th Grade Teacher

Lori Anderson

Music Coordinator

Last spring, we recognized the teaching ministry of Jeanine Heller as she completed many years of overall teaching, with most of those years serving at Good Shepherd. Jeanine moved to Florida to spend time with family and friends. We thank the Lord for her faithful years of service and wish her God's blessings during her years of retirement.

Principal David Retlaff also left Good Shepherd to become Principal and Staff Minister in Libertyville, Illinois. David's 14 years of service to Good Shepherd were a blessing that Good

Shepherd will greatly miss. We thank God for his faithful service at Good Shepherd.

We once again welcomed new teachers to Good Shepherd. Becky Raabe came to Good Shepherd from Bloomington Lutheran School to be our 3rd-grade teacher and Learning Center Coordinator.

Two first-year teachers were assigned to Good Shepherd from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. Mrs. Katie Guldborg, a former Good Shepherd student, and Miss Madeline Abel joined us in June of 2024. We are thankful to have both of these ladies on board and teaching in our school this year!

Our part-time receptionist, Keri LaVigne, took another job to be able to spend more time with her family. Although we will miss her help, we are thankful to have hired Heidi Halse to fill this role as well as serve as our Hot Lunch Coordinator..

We are thankful that during a time of teacher shortages, the Lord has blessed us with a full teaching staff. It is through our faithful faculty, hard-working staff, and dedicated volunteers that we are able to effectively carry out the many aspects that are needed for our school's ministry. May the Lord bless all our efforts as we provide Christian education for the students in our care!

Tuition Rates

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
GS	\$3600	\$3780	\$4040	\$4500	\$4800
Other	\$6200	\$6386	\$6829	\$7600	\$7980

Meet the 2025 Board

Nate Owens

Chairman

David Koob

Long-term Growth
Athletics

Evan Smith

Staff/PTO/Parent Relationships

John Johnson

School Outreach
Harvest Strategy

Dan Ludwig

Youth Ministries
Faith Night

Bill Arndt (Advisory)

Principal
MNSAA Accreditation

Standardized Testing

Each year the students in grades 3-8 take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) standardized test. Listed below are the accumulated results over the last five years. We are thankful for scores that remain higher than the national average.

Area / Grade	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Math	64	64	71	69	81	89
Reading	66	59	63	63	69	68
Language		62	69	73	78	79

National Percentiles (Average National Percentile = 50)
Average of winter scores from 2020-2025

Accreditation

Our school is accredited through the Minnesota Non-Public School Accreditation Association (MNSAA). Part of the accreditation process is to create and annually update a strategic plan for the school. That plan is located on our school's website so that it can be viewed by our stakeholders. Some highlights for this year's planning are:

- Focus on classroom service projects
- Emphasize volunteer opportunities for congregation members
- Research what is needed to provide an effective and active Learning Center
- Finalize building plans and start construction

Enrollment Statistics

(September 2024)	
Kindergarten	17
Grade 1	20
Grade 2	27
Grade 3	24
Grade 4	16
Grade 5	16
Grade 6	12
Grade 7	12
Grade 8	5
Total	149
Church Background	
GOOD SHEPHERD	81
% of Enrollment	54%
WELS/ELS	21
% of Enrollment	14%
OTHER CHRISTIAN	42
% of Enrollment	28%
NO CHURCH HOME	5
% of Enrollment	3%

Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
-Proverbs 22:6